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Snowmobile trails will stay open

BRYN WEESE

Staff Reporter

New blood is flowing in the veins of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and that, in turn, has restored life to

the web of trails throughout the Highlands.

Financially the club is, and has been for three years, in very good shape. Having sold more than 2,000 permits in the 2005/2006 season and with a

very healthy sum of funds in the bank, it is not dollars the directors are after, but able bodies.

The fear was that burn-out among the board of directors, coupled with a lack of volun-

teers for maintenance and operations projects, would result in the club's closing. If the club closed, the trails closed.

In his address to the more than 70 people in attendance at Saturday's annual general meet-

ing, Andy Chvedukas, the club's president, asked, "If we look at the fact that \$12 million of gross revenue is generated through snowmobiling, can this

See **Snowmobilers** page 12

10-digit dialing is coming to an area code near you

JENNIFER WILSON

Staff Reporter

If you're calling Bancroft from Haliburton this summer, don't forget to include the area code even though it's not long distance.

Starting June 17, 10-digit local dialing will be mandatory for telephone numbers starting with 613 and 519.

The new dialing regulation aims to alleviate the concern that, with cell phones and Blackberries growing in popularity, the demand for new phone numbers will exceed the current supply.

Although Haliburton County's area code isn't part of the 10-digit local dialing plan yet, the change will still have an impact on local businesses and residents who will have to adjust their fax machines and telephone speed dials to include Bancroft's 613 area code.

The dialing regulation will pave the way for the introduction of new area codes, an initiative that will create thousands of new phone numbers in Ontario.

The implementation of these new area codes is set to start in October and to react to the demand for new numbers.

Local 10-digit dialing has existed for over 10 years in parts of Toronto and Vancouver.



Patience on high

Shelley vanLieshout gingerly makes her way across a zipline and fellow nurses were invited to enjoy during a day at Camp Medeba as part of Nursing Week. There are more pictures on page 3.

Is it end of the line for caboose?

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The orange caboose that has been a landmark in Haliburton village since the 1970s may be nearing its end. The municipality of Dysart et al is looking to dispose of the structure because of future plans to expand lanes on traffic-logged York Street,

which runs only a few feet away from the caboose.

"I don't think it's a big attraction," said reeve Murray Fearrey at the May 8 council meeting.

The old CN caboose, which sits in the Head Lake parking lot, used to house the tourism information office until it moved into its current location

in the Rails End Gallery last year. Fearrey says the caboose is infested with dry rot and that it would probably cost about \$70,000-\$80,000 to fix.

A tender issued by the municipality to remove the caboose received no replies from the community. Fearrey was hoping local resorts might have shown an interest in taking the struc-

ture, but evidently the cost of upgrading it has steered many businesses away from it. It has a better chance, says Fearrey, of being picked up by some North American train buff than a local merchant.

There is, however, sentimental attachment to the caboose in the community. Some regard it as

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A new name for County Life

Faithful readers of *County Life* need not despair: just because it's not in your paper this week doesn't mean it's disappeared. The entertaining compendium of all that is fun in the Highlands is now called *Cottage Times*. You can pick it up, for free, throughout the county. Welcome back your favourite columns, such as Big Fish, Living by the Lake and Franka's recipes.

Dancing returns to Highland Games on July 8

Haliburton IGA has once again stepped up to sponsor the Haliburton Highland Games. This year's event on July 8 will be the 18th Games.

The Games will once again feature a parade of visiting pipe bands from all over Ontario down Haliburton's main street at 11 a.m., several massed band presentations throughout the day, border collie sheep herding and, this year, returning by popular demand, a Highland Dancing competition with young dancers from Canada, the U.S.A. and Scotland vying for points toward the provincial and national champi-

onship.

IGA owners Bob and Wendy Park have always felt the Games to be a valuable part of the community's summer season and are proud to support them.

This year the Games are also pleased to have Hydro One on board as sponsor of the heavy events competition. Athletes from across Ontario compete in such events as the caber toss.

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Leadership hopefuls breathe new life into Liberals

JENNIFER WILSON

Staff Reporter

In the race to lead Canada's Liberals, the riding's candidate Greg Walling says several contenders have the skill and drive to reinvigorate the party's "tarnished image" and guide the red to victory in an election that some predict will be as early as 2007.

Walling, who attended the Ontario all-candidates forum on May 6 in Toronto, says the calibre and presence of all 11 leadership hopefuls was both comforting and reassuring for the party's future.

"What was very encouraging was the fact that there was certainly a lot of experience in the group. Definitely a really deep team to fight the next election," he says.

Based on the candidates' speeches, Walling says there are currently two tiers of leadership contenders, with Stéphane Dion, Michael Ignatieff and Bob Rae being the race's front-runners.

The night's biggest surprise, says Walling, was Dion, the only leadership hopeful from Quebec. "He fought through his poor English and he won the room over. I would have never expected it, but by the end of his speech, he had captured everybody's attention."

Walling says there was a "prevailing feeling" at the forum that the time has come to elect a leader from Quebec.

The biggest personal surprise for Walling came when he sat down for coffee with Ignatieff, a former Harvard professor.

"I went with the expectation that he would be a distant academic, but he's not like that at all. He was a very good listener and appeared to be very interested in the rural issues of Ontario."

When it came time for Ignatieff to speak at the forum, Walling says the typical hum echoing from the back of the audience immediately stopped.

"He's a bit interesting to Liberals because they don't know anything about him so everyone wanted to hear what he would say."

Bob Rae, Ontario's first and only NDP premier, was the night's most "vibrant speaker" and spoke from many years of political experience.

Walling says Gerard Kennedy, former Ontario education minister, should be a first-tier contender "but just didn't come off strongly" at the forum.

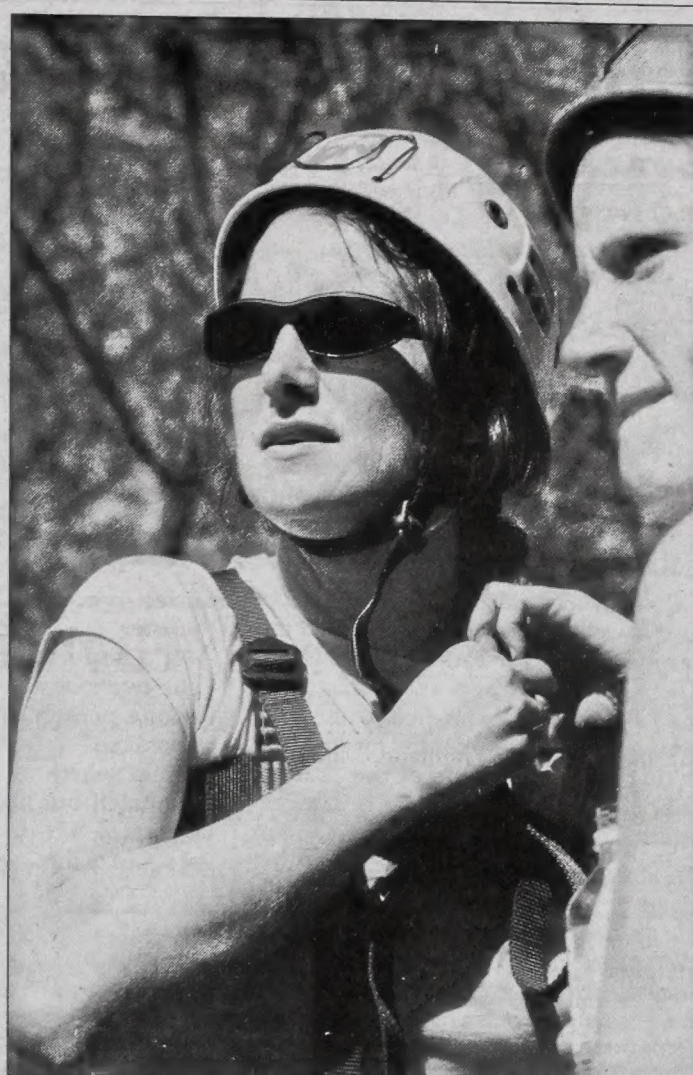
"I think he's still a bit overwhelmed yet. A lot of these other contenders have a lot of experience and are older. But I do think that in our riding the two favourites are Ignatieff and Kennedy. Kennedy's visited the riding on several occasions and people seem really interested in what he has to say."

Walling says former hockey star Ken Dryden, currently the Liberal health critic, is "kind of stiff" in personality, but his intentions for seeking the leadership are nothing short of sincere.

"He's a giver, not a taker. Truly, one of the reasons he runs is his strong belief in the youth of this generation."

Walling, who plans to run again in the next election, says he wants to invite one or more of the leadership contenders to be a keynote speaker at a dinner in June.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services celebrated Nursing Week by inviting its nursing staff to Medeba Outdoors Centre for an afternoon of fun. Top left, Melanie Flood rushes across a rope bridge. Top right, Debbie Watson and Melanie Flood watch a friend in mid-air while getting ready to do the same. Below, Medeba staff member Jen Verheye leads a crew of nurses in keeping one of their own steady as she prepares to make the Leap of Faith, a mid-air jump off a platform to ring a bell.



Public input may not be sought for Highlands East plan

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Council debated the merits of holding a formal public meeting regarding its five-year plan to revitalize and consolidate its municipally-owned buildings.

Reeve Keith Tallman and Deputy reeve Bill Howe worried that too many hands in the pie could possibly derail the plans and preferred a more informal open house to make people aware of what is happening. Councillors Rick Forget and Suzanne Partridge wanted something a little more formal in order to give the public an opportunity for their input.

"We want to make it easy for people to give us their input because there are some good ideas out there," said Partridge.

"I understand where you are coming

from but we are walking down a dangerous road here," said Howe. "We've already agreed on what we are doing."

Partridge replied by telling Howe that council was not "omnipotent".

Councillor Forget thought a middle ground could be reached by giving a brief address at an open house and by making council available for public feedback. He said that the next council would be more obliged to follow through with the plans if it had the weight of public support behind it.

A frustrated Partridge added: "We want input. I thought we wanted input, anyway."

Waste management

Forget and Partridge are worried about local landfills approaching capacity and are not comfortable waiting for the county to move on the issue.

Even if Highlands East were to start

relevant studies today, said Forget, it wouldn't give the municipality enough time to properly address the issue before landfill life expectancy is up in four years time.

Tallman and Howe said the county has hired an environmental consultant to look into the landfill situation in all the lower-tier municipalities, and that it would be best to wait for that report before making a move. All councillors agreed that the best way to extend landfill life expectancy is to divert waste by encouraging recycling.

COMRIF

Council received good news from the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF). The government program will invest up to \$429,567 toward the municipality's project to replace the Dillman's bridge and Hadlington road culvert.

County tourism marketing will change: but when?

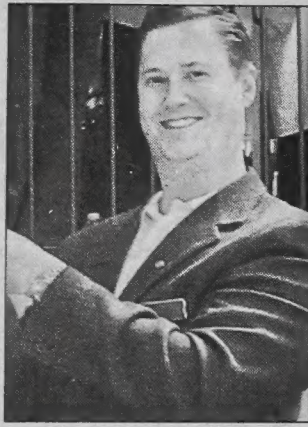
LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The future of tourism marketing in Haliburton County must involve a full-fledged partnership with the private sector, says Scott de Savoye, general manager of the Delta Pinestone Resort.

"We're probably five to 10 years behind where we should be right now," says de Savoye, who made the comments at the county's Municipal Day at the end of April at his resort. "In terms of getting tourism up here, who knows better than the tourism industry?"

Controversy has followed the county ever since last year when it assumed full responsibility for tourism marketing. The county took over the duties from the Chamber of Commerce, which had been acting as a sub-contractor for marketing initiatives. One of the present criticisms toward the county is that Bob Smith, the official in charge of the job now, is spread too thinly between his



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Delta Pinestone's SCOTT DE SAVOYE

duties in economic development and tourism.

"It's impossible," says de Savoye. "The two jobs are definitely linked but for one person to do it effectively is impossible."

Smith asked the county to hire additional staff but his request was denied by council, which was in a severe budget squeeze this year.

De Savoye, who spearheaded the Haliburton Tourism Coalition – an advocacy group that has representatives from all the major tourism industries in the county – wants to eventually see a public-private partnership that puts tourism stakeholders and the municipality on the same page and has both putting dollars toward the same projects. In this scenario, the present coalition would transform into a tourism bureau where marketing efforts would be more synchronized and focused.

"Instead of all independently running ads in the *Toronto Star*, a few of us could buy a lot more space together for less money than individual groups can."

County warden Murray Fearrey says he doesn't regret the decision to have the county do tourism because he felt a change was needed. He does, however, believe that a private sector partnership is the logical next step in the evolution of tourism marketing.

"We're doing all the things that the chamber has traditionally done but now we need to go one step farther, and

that's where the coalition will hopefully take us," says Fearrey.

Should a new public-private partnership have been formed the moment the chamber was ousted? Fearrey concedes that as a possibility but believes it will head that way anyway.

"Maybe we should have," says Fearrey. "But it had been going for 40 to 50 years the way it was I think we needed a different mindset. And maybe now this is going to bring the best in everybody."

De Savoye thinks it will happen when council feels the climate is right: "I think if the county knew there was an organization dedicated to tourism marketing, where there's no political baggage, no east county versus west county, and where it's made up of everybody – then they would be more likely to fund that initiative. But we are not there yet."

Bob Smith, director of marketing and economic development for the county, currently sits on the tourism coalition, which some see as a sign that groundwork is being laid for a future alliance. While Smith is not prepared to go quite that far, he does not rule it out.

"If the relationship between the tourism coalition and the county can mature, it'll be for the benefit of everybody," says Smith. "They are the service providers, they are where the rubber meets the road. We are the marketing end, so surely it makes sense for us to talk."

At the moment, says Smith, the tourism coalition is the best opportunity for a possible alliance but what will actually happen remains to be seen: "It's going to pick its own path at some point in time, whatever that may be."

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Enforce rules on private property: accessibility group

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Members of the Haliburton Joint Accessibility Committee are urging Dysart et al to reconsider its refusal to police handicap parking violations in private lots.

Council advised the committee in December that it didn't have the manpower to patrol private parking lots but that it regularly policed infractions on its municipal spaces.

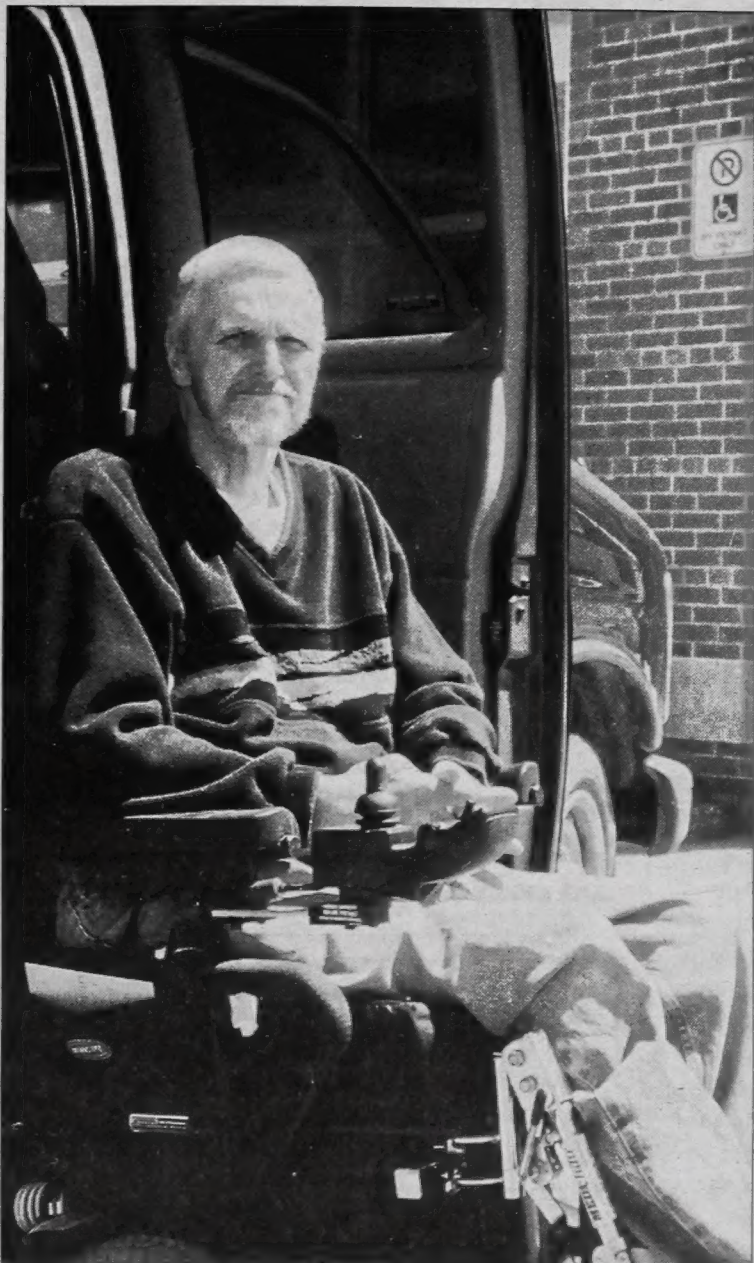
Committee member Miles Roberts says that's not good enough and says councillors risk becoming regressive on handicap issues.

"If this municipality is interested in making progress in accessibility, this is one of the first issues that need to be addressed," says Roberts, who has been in a wheelchair for the last 32 years because of a vehicle accident.

Roberts identifies the Haliburton IGA as one of the worst spots for handicap infractions. He also has had at least one problem with the Independent Grocer, although he says it is generally better there because of the abundance of parking spaces.

"It's a real problem," says Roberts. "It used to be that people would park in those spots without permits but now it's an abuse of the permits themselves. One person in a family gets a permit and everybody in the family thinks they have access to it. That's not the way it works."

Roberts drives a customized van that is equipped with an elevator that allows him to enter and exit his vehicle. The municipality has designated handicap spots on the street, but they are of no use to him because he needs a flat surface on



Miles Roberts wants Dysart et al to patrol private parking lots to catch people illegally parking in handicap spaces. Councillors refused to do so in December but now say they will review the situation.

which to lower the elevator on the right side of his van. It's frustrating, he says, to drive the eight kilometres into town to shop and have nowhere to stop.

"I'm put in a position where I can basically drive around in circles or just go home," he says.

Reeve Murray Fearrey promised Roberts that council will review the situation but isn't sure how to get around the lack of human resources available.

"Council hates passing bylaws that they are not able to enforce," says Fearrey. "We have too many already."

Gary Heads, the municipal bylaw enforcement officer, admits that he is already stretched with responsibilities but thinks it may be "a good idea" to take on private parking lots, particularly if a summer student could help out.

Municipalities such as Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands have agreed to police private spaces, but Fearrey says they don't have as much to patrol as Minden Hills and Dysart et al.

Even though a municipal bylaw on handicap spaces may be futile in terms of enforcement, it's possible Dysart councillors will do it anyway in the hope that it acts as a deterrent. The committee is asking for a \$300 fine.

Peter McLuskey, a member of the accessibility committee, says it is the responsibility of all levels of government to "look after those who find it most difficult to look after themselves".

"If you go to all that trouble to go shopping in the village and then you can't actually park near the store, it's a headache," says McLuskey. "They can't go to the bylaw officer because he's been instructed not to do anything. So there's a big frustration level."

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BUSINESS OWNERS and snowmobile enthusiasts can cancel their stress tests now that enough people have come forward to ensure the future viability of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, and therefore the trail system that is the lifeblood of the winter tourism economy in the Highlands.

Three weeks ago that future looked as bleak as a January thaw when Andy Chvedukas, president of the Haliburton County Association, announced that the trails would have to be closed if more people didn't step forward to help the HCSA run its operations. As a volunteer organization it had run

out of steam.

About 70 people showed up at the club's annual general meeting on Saturday, their enthusiasm for the sport in tow. Once all that energy can be organized, the club is optimistic that there are enough bodies to do all the required work.

But the meeting also revealed that there were impediments that seem to needlessly stop volunteers before they could even get started. One was the requirement that members had to volunteer 100 hours before they could join the executive to volunteer to work on the various projects that need seeing to. Too many bureaucratic hoops to jump through would make a volunteer exhausted before he even got started. Those hoops need to become open doorways that welcome people.

Everyone in Haliburton County will benefit from the renewed enthusiasm at the HCSA. Congratulations to existing volunteers for sticking it out for so long and to the new ones who will keep it going for, it's hoped, years to come.

The Fearrey paradox

Lance Crossley is about to leave the *Echo* to become an intern at the *Ottawa Citizen*. As his "swan song" he decided to do a profile of Murray Fearrey, whose fingerprints are all over so many of the initiatives that have made Dysart et al what it is today. In the year and a half that Crossley has been here, he couldn't help but notice how many projects Fearrey was involved with, and what an omnipresent role he plays in county politics.

Crossley insightfully discovers what he calls the Fearrey paradox: people criticize Fearrey for the same traits that have earned him praise.

Fearrey likes to get things done with as little controversy as possible, which is why he works so hard behind the scenes to ensure that by the time a project is finalized, everyone is onside. At the same time he forges ahead with things before he gets full backing from fellow councillors, knowing that if you don't seize the moment, the moment will often pass you by.

But the key is that he gets things done. In the past five years Haliburton has a new college facility and rent-free accommodation for doctors because Fearrey felt that Haliburton would fall behind if they weren't there. Other councils in the county have got so bogged down in squabbles and debating the small stuff that projects take years to come to fruition. Fearrey's take-charge attitude is a welcome counterpoint.

Whatever criticisms people might have about Fearrey's approach, one thing must be agreed upon by detractors and followers alike: Murray Fearrey never does anything for his own benefit. His motivation has always been making sure that the municipality and the county he loves have the services and infrastructure they need to survive and thrive.



Just dandy

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People keep giving us Volvos

IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, we've been given two Volvos. First, from our good friends Frank and Kathleen, who owned this classic station wagon since 1974 when it was new. It was in need of many (too many, according to our mechanic) small repairs. Our mechanic said he wouldn't fix it because it would cost more to fix it than it was worth. So we sold it to someone who knew Volvos. I wish we hadn't listened to our mechanic.

Our next free Volvo came from my niece Heidie and nephew Alan. This was an '88 sedan, in surprisingly good condition. We made the necessary repairs and it is now our second car, and occasional truck.

Why were they ridding themselves of this fine automobile when it had only 350,000 clicks (a mere blink of an eye in Volvo mileage) on the odometer? I think they may have seen their lives flash...well, maybe flash is the wrong word...I think they may have seen their lives mosey before them with an '88 Volvo in the driveway, waiting beyond hope for the Volvo to finally gasp its last breath, watching the odometer move into six figures without a trace of fatigue. Maybe they realized they would be trading the Canadian dream for a never-ending Swedish nightmare -- living out their natural lives driving an '88 Volvo!

So they gave it to us and bought a sporty new SUV. And they're loving it.

And we're loving their Volvo, because

my wife and I are past the age of car pride. That ship has sailed. We love the Volvo even with its many Nordic quirks. Like no pick up. It's not necessary to get to 120 Ks in seconds. We have all day. Also, weight. It weighs about 25 tons. Which means it holds our snow-covered roads with Swedish ferocity. And height. It has all the handling qualities of a phone booth on wheels. Again, you don't have to go around the corner fast, you merely have to go around the corner. Don't be silly.

But -- and here is where Sweden shows us what a northern country is all about -- it doesn't have a heater so much as it has a furnace. I think an '88 Volvo is basically a furnace on wheels. I lose four pounds just driving to Minden. Those Swedish whackos who break a hole in the ice and go swimming?

They drive there in Volvos.

It's not only a furnace, it's a blast furnace. Whenever I turn the fan up too high, my wife assigns it a name like Andrew or Francis. And to ensure you won't feel a chill before the engine warms up, the seats are heated. Yes. Volvo has been heating seats since...well, probably since back when Ontario was busy outlawing studded tires. Something else the Swedes have perfected. But that's another story.

And to think we've actually been given two of these eternal marvels. Finally, something worthwhile to pass on to our children.



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Bellying up

RIGHT OFF THE BAT, let me just say that I'm not a betting man. There are few things in this world that I'm that sure of. But last Saturday, when my buddy Bryn questioned my vast and supreme knowledge of bellydancing, the gauntlet had been thrown squarely at my feet.

I'm not sure how we got onto the topic of belly dancing, especially since we had just returned from a fishing trip in which one of us was skunked and the other caught a nice bragging-sized lake trout. (It's really not important who was whom.)

Perhaps the lithe and catlike way in which I propel myself across this planet made Bryn think of belly dancing. Anyone who has ever seen me in motion would surely understand his dilemma - after all, trying not to think of me as a graceful and seductive dancer rates among one of life's most difficult challenges.

The point is, I certainly can't blame him for that. I can, however, hold him absolutely responsible for doubting my incredible and encyclopaedic knowledge of all things completely useless. By doing so, he made the fatal mistake of overestimating me.

Our debate began with his

tales from



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opening salvo.

"I think we can thank the good people of India for inventing belly dancing," he stated, quite wrongly.

"Bryn, old boy," I countered, perhaps too magnanimously, "belly dancing is an Arabian tradition practised solely in Middle Eastern and North African culture as well as in certain Falafel Huts."

Right there and then, I paused a gentlemanly pause, allowing him more than enough time to capitulate. Instead my friend remained firm in his conviction.

Little did he know that he was foolishly pitting his superior intellect, excellent education and hard-earned Master's degree against my foggy recollection of a question that had won a contestant one hundred dollars on Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Or perhaps it had got me the orange pie in Trivial Pursuit, the Eighties Edition? I don't mean to brag, but my education is that diverse.

"But certainly, the Islamic culture would not allow gyrating, half-naked women wear sheer veils, show flesh, dance seductively, and ring bells," he reasoned.

"Say that again, this time real slow," I whispered. "Real slow..."

When he was finished being creeped out, Bryn continued regaling me with a long, well thought out, and highly intellectual argument on the socio-economic implications of modern fundamentalist Islamic beliefs as they pertain to the possibility of setting up a chain of Hooters Restaurants in Tehran.

Not to be outdone, I countered by covering my ears and wailing like an Arab woman at a funeral.

The look in Bryn's eyes suggested that he finally recognized me as his intellectual equal - but just to throw me off, he proposed a friendly wager.

"I'll bet you \$10 that belly dancing originated in India," he said coolly.

"You're on!" I replied while doing back flips, jumping for joy, and high-fiving my wife. I suppose it is for this reason that I tend to do poorly at poker.

Immediately after he left, I conducted a quick Internet search and soon confirmed that all those years of skipping classes and taking wild guesses at multiple choice questions had paid off in spades. I was right!

Suddenly, I felt the sort of elation that can come only from winning ten bucks from someone much, much smarter than yourself. And so I phoned Bryn to share this joy and express my heartfelt thanks.

"Bryn?" I said.

"Yes," he answered.

"Great news! It turns out I was right after all!"

"Yes, this is Bryn Weese," he continued. "I'm sorry that I'm unable to come to the phone at this moment, however, I will be out of the country for the next six months..."

"In which case, I'll take credit for that big lake trout that was caught this morning," I replied.

"Hey Steve!" he cut in. "Lucky you caught me just before I was leaving. What can I do for you?"

"I'd like the funds in small denominations," I whispered. "Unmarked quarters and nickels; nothing that my wife and kids can trace back to me."

"But I'm a cub reporter Steve," he pleaded. "I'm just not good for it!"

Unfortunately, I had forgotten about that part of it.

It turns out that Bryn and I worked out an agreeable method of payment after all. Anyhow, you should see the nice lake trout I caught on Saturday morning. If you run into Bryn, ask him. He'll tell you all about it...



pic of the past

IN 1907, the Maxwell children, aunts, uncles and cousins posed for a photo at the "new Parsol home" in Maxwell's Crossing. In the back row are Martha, Fred, Mae, Will and father John Maxwell. In the second row is Sarah Jane Maxwell with children Grace on her knee, Herb, Jared, Elsie, Maude, and Stan. Son Norman took the photo. Maxwell family descendants, as well as descendants of Glamorgan's other pioneering families, will take part in a special celebration at the community centre on July 1 to honour the township's past.

letters to the editor

Add a storey, create apartments

To the Editor:

We live in a county like many other counties: growing and in need of affordable housing for all age groups. What I hope to achieve with this letter is to find out how people feel the problem can be solved.

When I walk the main street of Haliburton and see the Canadian Legion, the post office and the liquor store, I wonder if it would be possible to add one or two floors to these structures to create housing. The added income might help support the Legion. The Legion would stay where it is, as it is a necessary part of our country's heritage and history. The added revenue for the post office and liquor store could go towards the cost of the next election (just kidding).

There would be many problems to solve. People may have other ideas with greater merit that will help resolve the growing pains of the county. With today's modern construction methods and the help of provincial and federal governments, who are now talking green and offering financial help to communities, perhaps they could take on the costs of additional water and sewage construction. Perhaps now is the right time to start a housing project.

The plan is to take into account all groups in need of housing. I would appreciate others' thoughts. This problem won't be solved by dreams kept to ourselves.

Fred Phipps,
Haliburton.

Don't forget, Ontario's smoke-free on May 31

To the Editor:

Your recent article (Get ready to go smoke free, The Echo, April 11,) provides a comprehensive overview of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which goes into effect on May 31.

Protection is the cornerstone of the new legislation. Tobacco kills an estimated 16,000 Ontarians every year and is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the province. Tobacco-related diseases cost Ontario billions of dollars in

health-care costs and account for at least 500,000 hospital days annually.

The act also respects the will of the 80 per cent of Ontarians who do not smoke and the wishes of most smokers who want to quit. In a smoke-free Ontario, smokers will have more support to kick their habits and less temptation to light up.

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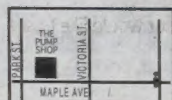
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"I believe we are the first choice for a consumer in the services we provide, selection and personal attention we offer," says Greg Scheffee, who owns the business with John Wilson. The business carries siding, decking, flooring which includes carpet, vinyl and engineered ceramic tile; windows and doors, an extensive line of propane, free standing stoves and fireplaces; bathroom accessories, kitchen materials, paint, roofing, tools and Cultured Stone.

Haliburton Tim-BR Mart is proud to be an authorized dealer of Cultured Stone. The innovative product is prevalent in new home construction for exterior facing and in interior application for such things as fireplaces. (On the east side of the Haliburton Tim-BR Mart building are 15 samples of Cultured Stone.) With hundreds of styles to choose from and a 50-year warranty, Cultured Stone is a versatile complement to all your design needs. With a vast lumber yard, Haliburton Tim-BR Mart provides all the materials necessary for your building requirements. The business carries spruce, pressure treated wood, cedar, pine, plywood, trusses, concrete block and most other common building materials.

Recently, Haliburton Tim-BR Mart has been under extensive renovations which began last December. There are two new large sky lights which filter natural sunlight, creating a bright open atmosphere. The nearly completed renovations have expanded the floor space to almost 7,000 square feet, adding an additional

floor with a mezzanine verandah to accommodate their display area which features kitchen, windows and bathroom products. The new area provides customers an intimate setting when choosing specific items for their home or cottage.

Greg says that in the last 10 years consumer preferences have changed. Cottages are now four-season dwellings. He says Haliburton Tim-BR Mart has made changes to meet customer demands, including a wider selection in services and products.

"We understand that people often dream a long time about their vacation home in cottage country. As a business we are proud to take that seriously by helping make those dreams come true," says Greg.

When choosing your cottage design Haliburton Tim-BR Mart makes your job easier with their cottage packages. Each package includes full material specifications including: floor systems, exterior doors and windows, exterior finish and all hardware. Customers can visit the design department for unique custom design solutions or visit their website at www.haliburtonlumber.com which provides a detailed explanation of their cottage packages, including pictures. Greg says the website is a good starting point for people considering a package.

Haliburton Tim-BR Mart has designer certification. On January 1 the provincial government passed Bill 124. This bill enforces only certified designers, architects or engineers to design plans in which building permits would be required. Fortunately, Haliburton Tim-BR Mart can provide this essential service to their customers in their home and cottage design department.

With the arrival of warmer weather people are thinking about getting closer to the water. The building supply specialists offer a variety of dock packages and will custom make your dock in the Haliburton Tim-BR Mart lumber yard.

Haliburton Tim-BR Mart provides free delivery to anywhere in the county and awards Air Mile loyalty points. They are open Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. On Saturdays they are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. After the May long weekend they are open until 5:30 p.m. during the week and until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Women to Women:

Old Country House hosts new social network

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Approximately 50 women showed up at the Old Country House Restaurant & Bar one evening last month. The restaurant is normally closed on Tuesdays, but new owner Sylvia Miller (who took over just two weeks earlier) and her employees agreed to come into work on their night off. The evening was the brainchild of Lynda Shadbolt of Haliburton Yoga.

"Because I work on my own, I get lonely sometimes so I wanted to connect with others just to chat, hear what is going on, inspire each other, have fun, eat good food," says Shadbolt.

Arranging an event for women was something Shadbolt had wanted to do for a long time. After making the arrangements with Miller, she encouraged the women she spoke to to tell two friends, and so on. The word got out and Shadbolt wasn't the only one who thought it was a great idea.

Women of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances got together for a glass of wine, a good meal and great company. They came from all corners of the county and represented many different professions and organizations including home-based businesses, charities, teachers and principals, government employees, retired women, store owners, artists, financial planners, yoga and dance instructors, volunteers, and even an aspiring electrician. Some came on their own while others came to connect with a group of friends. Some dropped by

CASEY LESSARD/Echo



Lynda Shadbolt and Sylvia Miller raise a toast to the success of the first Women to Women social event at the Old Country House.

after work and others came after putting their kids to bed. Many women are ex-cottagers who moved to the area only a few years ago, but there were at least two who were born and raised in Haliburton County.

"There are so many amazing women in this county doing so many things and I thought it would be fun to bring the inspiration together," says Shadbolt.

She was hoping to attract about 15 to 20 women. Fifty showed up, and at least 20 more e-mailed or called to say they couldn't make it but would try next time.

"I specifically called it 'Women to Women' so that all women could be included, and we created options where everyone could afford to come," says Shadbolt.

"I sat with a whole group of women that I've never met before and it was really nice to meet new people," says Cheryl Bathe.

For Julie Barban, "it was very festive and fun."

"I am about to go into doing trade shows to sell my product, and I got lots of advice from someone who has experience doing that," says business owner Stacy Pietryszyn.

Several ideas for future get-togethers were put forth,

such as alternating between lunch and dinner, meeting on different days of the week, possible venues, mixing up seating arrangements by random draw, having speakers, and providing babysitting services.

"My other hope was that women would gather and do whatever they needed to do - whether it was network, or socialize, or meet new people, etc.," says Shadbolt. "I trusted that the women would do what they needed so I didn't create a lot of structure to it, and my sense was that it happened."

"It's really good to feel connected to my community," says Holly Patrick. "The support will be invaluable on many different levels."

After the event, Elizabeth Tuck of RBC Dominion Securities visited Baubles 'n' Bon Bons ("because I didn't even know it existed") and found out about an upcoming art show. She also listed her business on fyi-haliburton.com and signed up for one of Lynda Shadbolt's Nia classes. "I've already told three friends and they want to come next time," says Tuck.

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Thank you for your time!



Marty and Rolf Gryciuk are taking advantage of the new location of Marty's Health Foods to expand their selection and services. As well as a wide range of health products, the store offers a knitting boutique. Room in the back is being transformed into a meeting area for a knitters' group and a loom, donated by Uta Carl, will be used for weaving lessons. Regular seminars about health issues and products will also be offered. Marty's is now across from the LCBO, in the building formerly occupied by Pasta ta Pizza.



Henwoods Variety now has double the space at its main street location. Owner Jim Henwood has added a wide selection of dollar items to the store, making the word variety truer than ever to describe his business.

Business Briefs

The Victoria Day weekend is a time to welcome back cottagers to the Highlands. (You missed a beautiful winter, by the way. Snow, did we have snow.) There have been many changes to Haliburton's main street over the past few months. Here are some of them. And no, the new owners of the old Curry Motors building have not yet revealed what they plan to do. All we know is that the old building is to be torn down to make room for new retail space.



Suzanne Paavola, at left, was thrilled to inherit the same fine staff and reputation when she purchased the Magic Touch Spa from Sandi McDavid, right, in the lower level of the Stedman's Mall on Haliburton's main street. Paavola is not new to the Highlands, having cottaged on Salerno Lake for many years before moving here year-round with her husband. The spa offers manicures, pedicures, waxing, tanning electrolysis, facials, massages and piercing in a relaxed atmosphere. Their wedding and gift packages can also be tailored to accommodate off-site visits. The staff also includes Erin and Emily Walsh, Amanda Raposo, Cheryl Bathe and Sandi McDavid.

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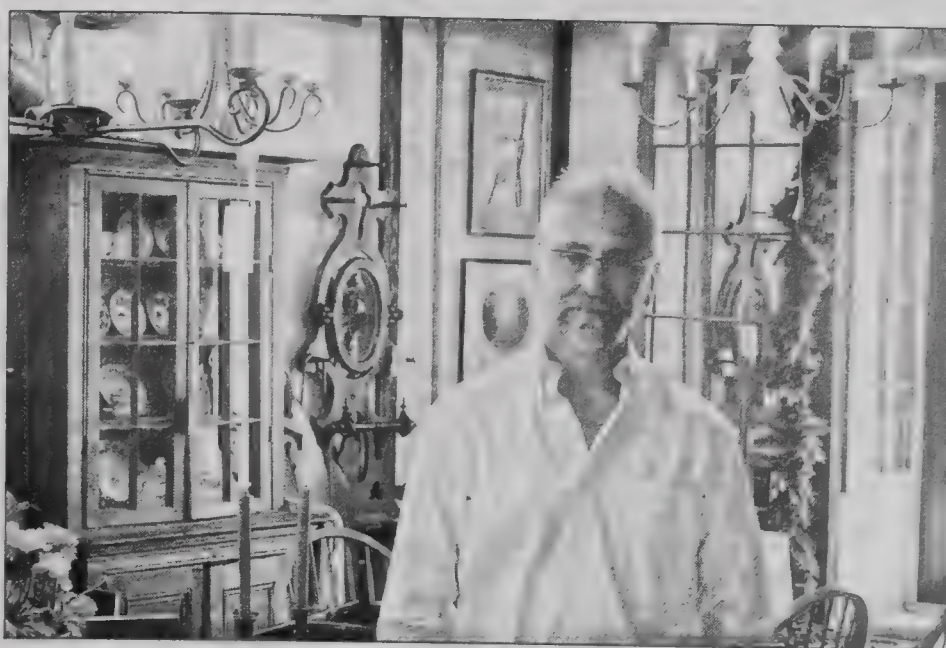
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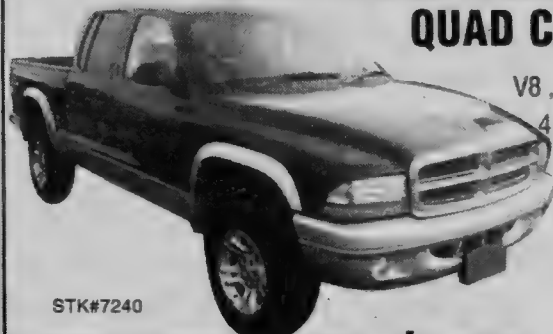
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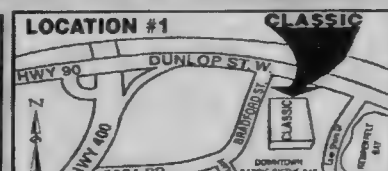
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Snowmobilers respond to HCSA's cry for help

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community afford to see snowmobiling disappear?"

"Our founders could best be described as a dedicated group of hard-working volunteers," he said. "With full-time employment elsewhere, they would travel to Haliburton on Friday evenings to attend meetings. These founders saw a future not only for themselves but also for Haliburton County."

Many of those founders, however, have retired and until Saturday's meeting, few others seemed willing to take their place. A few weeks ago, Chvedukas put out a plea for help.

Throughout the meeting, other speakers echoed the need for more volunteers, including Terry MacIver of Barry's Bay, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club's district 6 governor.

"There are probably many people in this room who make a living off tourism," he said. "You'll lose 25 per cent of your income without snowmobiling tourism. Can you afford that?"

"Every club needs new volunteers," he added. "As the current executive gets older, fewer people end up doing more and more work."

And from the floor, throughout the meeting, new volunteers did come forward. Continued help from the ATV association was made available as were offers from newcomers to the association who had travelled from outside the county to help keep the association alive.

Chvedukas says there was enough volunteer enthusiasm from the large crowd to keep the association going.

"We got our bodies," he said after the meeting. "There is new blood and there were great informative questions asked by new people who had never been here [to an HCSA meeting] before. I'm really glad to have a relatively new core of directors. It's great for the club and it's great for the county."

But while the association's leaders are looking forward to next year's snowmobiling season, some members of the public who answered the battle cry and came prepared to help, left the meeting feeling less enthusiastic.

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ANDY CHVEDUKAS

Gary Smith, who spends most of his time at a cottage on Mountain Lake near Minden, said that he felt the help he was offering wasn't welcome. Years ago, Smith had helped the association but had become disillusioned by the top-heavy structure of the organization.

"I stopped buying my trail permit from them years ago," he said after the meeting. "I'm still willing to help, but I was disappointed with the meeting. Sometimes an organization like this has to go under to learn their lesson."

Claude Holmes, a local cottager and a first-timer to an HCSA meeting, also sensed an unwillingness to accept the offers of help. Holmes felt, as did many others, that the 100 hours of volunteer service required to become a voting member was a deterrent, especially for people who live outside the county.

Chiefly among the concerns of several in the audience was a lack of communication between the association and willing volunteers. In fact, many noted that they would gladly have helped last year if they had been told what needed doing and when maintenance work was taking



BRYN WEESE/ECHO

Club President Andy Chvedukas and former director Bill Wilson share a whisper at Saturday's HCSA annual general meeting. Thankfully there was enough enthusiasm and commitment from new blood at the meeting to ensure the continued operation of the club for at least another year.

place. In defense, the association said that the volunteers were too busy to contact people to help, and that projects were announced and updated on their website.

Also, as noted by one outspoken individual, board of directors meetings were not routinely held. Being from Toronto, he said that it was hard to commit to meetings as a director if he couldn't plan his trips to Haliburton well in advance. Current directors of the club did say that the meetings did develop a routine as people's schedules became known and Chvedukas said that with technology as it is today, teleconferencing could be used to avoid lengthy trips to Haliburton.

But aside from the criticisms from the floor and the lengthy and sometimes risi-

ble procedure and policy discussions about who can do what and when and how, the meeting was a success for the HCSA because there will be an active association for the 2006/2007 snowmobiling season.

However, the first directors' meeting scheduled for May 23 in the association's clubhouse, open to not only directors but also anyone interested, will be a long one.

There are many issues to work out for this year. Chiefly among them is how to capitalize on the willing volunteers who attended Saturday's meeting. While they may not all have 100 hours to donate, the time they do have, given the dedication and eagerness of Chvedukas to move the club forward, should and will no doubt be embraced.

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Study will identify county's housing needs

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Community stakeholders are embarking on a massive research project that many are regarding as the first step toward addressing Haliburton County's affordable housing crisis.

The project, which will be co-ordinated by the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research, is expected to take up to three years to complete and will provide vital baseline data on the local housing stock and the needs of the population.

"We need to find out what the housing needs are of this community," says U-Links director Kate Hall, "and then we can start to look at how to address those needs."

The pressing need for a county housing study was cited by a number of community stakeholders at meeting that took place on April 6 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Representatives from all sectors of the county – including health, religious, educational, and social services sectors – were in attendance and saw an overarching need to start tackling the housing problem.

"The thing that struck me about the meeting is that everybody there really wanted to look at the broad spectrum," says Heather Reid, U-Links program co-ordinator. "It wasn't about just about people who need assistance with housing, or seniors, or couch surfing among youth. It's about attracting people to the area."

Among those in attendance was Sheri Deterling from

Community Care, an agency that provides services for seniors in the county. Deterling, who believes the study is long overdue, says Community Care receives innumerable calls from seniors worried over the lack of affordable housing. Many are too old to care for their current residence but not yet ready to check into a nursing home.

live.

"It took me a year and a half to find affordable housing for myself – and I work full-time," says Deterling, who was commuting 80 kilometres a day from Highland Grove to her workplace in Haliburton before she found something closer to town.

Deterling will be involved in researching how previous housing initiatives have failed and why.

Fleming College has also taken an interest. Ted Brandon, who oversees the sustainable building design and construction program, says there may be an opportunity for the college to participate in small-scale affordable housing ventures. Students constructed the new 4Cs building and are currently working on a classroom for the Kinark Outdoor Centre.

While the projects so far have been relegated to public structures, Brandon sees no reason why it couldn't branch out into residential housing.

"There was a discussion that maybe we could take down two birds with one stone by creating affordable housing and in the process also train people with some skills in the building trades," says Brandon.

The research project will incorporate studies by Trent University undergraduates this coming fall. Organizers are also hoping to find funding for a full-time academic who can be devoted exclusively to the project.

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U-Link's HEATHER REID

ing home. Others, who are on a fixed income and are increasingly burdened by rising property taxes, are looking for something less expensive.

"We used to keep track of all the calls we got but they just multiplied and it just takes too much time to write all of them down," says Deterling.

Even Deterling has faced frustration with the small pool of available affordable housing. When she separated from her husband two years ago, she was flabbergasted by how long it took her to find a decent place to

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End of an era for the Echo and friends at Community Living

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If you had walked into the *Haliburton County Echo* office on a Tuesday morning 20 years ago, you wouldn't know quite what hit you. In the back production room, amidst thousands of copies of the paper, were a bunch of people who could turn one of the duller jobs in the newspaper business into a fun and entertaining way to spend a few hours.

In those days, it was the editorial department's job to help stuff the flyers into the papers, and the papers into their paper mailing bags, and the mailing bags into the delivery sacks for Canada Post.

The job could be monotonous, tiring and joyously mindless after all the mental concentration that was required to put the paper together. But thanks to the

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Sheila Burk of the *Haliburton Echo*, second from left, has been grateful for the help of Community Living as she mails out the paper every week. From left are executive director Maureen O'Hara and Ross Anderson, Jeff Goff, David Irwin and Doug Johnson.

good folks from Community Living, the job was never, ever boring.

Sometimes it was the constant teasing that set the laughter off. Sometimes it was the odd animal sounds that went along with endless verses of Old MacDonald Had a Farm. News and gossip could take you in very interesting directions. And sometimes we tackled the serious issues of life, particularly the issues of the heart.

For the *Echo* staff, Community

Living's help was both welcome and appreciated. For Community Living, the weekly job at the *Echo* was part of the ongoing transition from formal environments into the community at large.

Many of the people at Community Living had previously lived in institutions. As these facilities closed, they moved into their own homes or residences in the village of Haliburton. At first, the only vocational program was woodworking; if you didn't like wood-working you were stuck.

And so they started to find jobs in the community. Several of them worked at the *Echo* every Tuesday (eventually the job was moved to the Community Living building itself.) There was the work gang, who shovelled sidewalks in the winter and mowed lawns in the summer. A mail delivery route was estab-

lished.

Today, members of Community Living have jobs throughout the county so it didn't come as much of a blow when the *Echo* stopped needing their help a couple of weeks ago. Flyer insertion is now done in Minden and the *Echo* is no longer mailed in bags.

Community Living is also renovating the space which had been given over to newspapers once a week. It will become a friendly gathering place where everyone can meet and socialize.

To thank Community Living for their years of dedication (and for not grumbling as loudly as the editorial staff, which no longer spends its Tuesdays mailing the paper), the *Echo* hosted a pizza and cake lunch at Community Living. The formal partnership is over but the friendships will remain.

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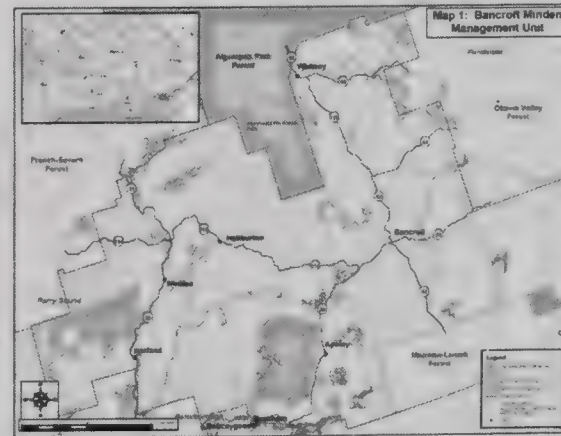
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This audit evaluates the forest management performance from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2006 by conducting a thorough review of the management plan, annual reports and other documents, field inspections of harvesting and other operations, and interviews with MNR and company staff and stakeholders. During the audit, about 20% of the field operations will be examined.

The auditors, ArborVita Environmental Services Ltd., invite comments on:

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The audit does not cover management of other forests, private land or other aspects of the performance of the MNR or the Company.

All replies received in response to this invitation must be in writing and will be given serious consideration. Responses by mail, fax, or e-mail will be considered. All correspondence received will be kept confidential by the audit team. Please send your comments to:

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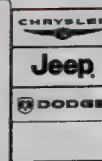
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Caboose's historic value worth retaining, gallery says

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an iconic symbol of Canada's history and a nostalgic throwback to a major part of our national heritage. One of the most recognizable landmarks in Haliburton County, it's an image whose familiarity many find comforting.

For others, it's a reminder of when Canadian National Railway used to run its trains in the county. It ceased operations in the 1970s and subsequently dismantled the railroad tracks.

In a stern letter to council, Rails End Gallery executive director Saskia Tentrees wrote that she was "disappointed" and "surprised" to learn about plans to dispose of the railroad artifact.

"We have had to field a number of calls and questions from our members who are upset by the fact that it will be sold, and not remain part of the park/gallery (area)," wrote Tentrees.

In an interview with the *Echo*, Tentrees said she realizes there is considerable expense involved in keeping the caboose, but believes that someday there would be an opportunity to incorporate it into the gallery's overall vision.

"It's a historic attraction," says Tentrees. "We would like to use it for the gallery at some point, if possible. It's



Dysart council says it would cost \$70,000 to fix the dry rot in the old caboose which used to house the information centre. Staff at the Rails End Gallery next door says the caboose should stay in or around Head Lake Park. Casey Lessard photo.

not a priority for us now because we are in the midst of renovations, but we just didn't know that it was going to go anywhere. I thought it would stay there until it became part of the ground."

"I think it's a bad idea [to remove the caboose]," says Joe Smith, a former board member of the Rails End Gallery. "It's a historic sort of thing. And those old

wooden cabooses are quite rare – there aren't any left."

Smith says that many were disappointed when the information centre was moved last year from the caboose into the gallery. He also says the gallery could use the caboose for future programming when it has the funds.

Even Councillor Al Ferguson appeared

to be reluctant to let it go, although he did concede that York Street expansion would ultimately trump any sentimental value the caboose holds.

"I think it's worth it to retain it for a tourist attraction," said Ferguson. "You don't see too many cabooses these days. We don't need to fix it up, but I don't see the big rush to get rid of it."

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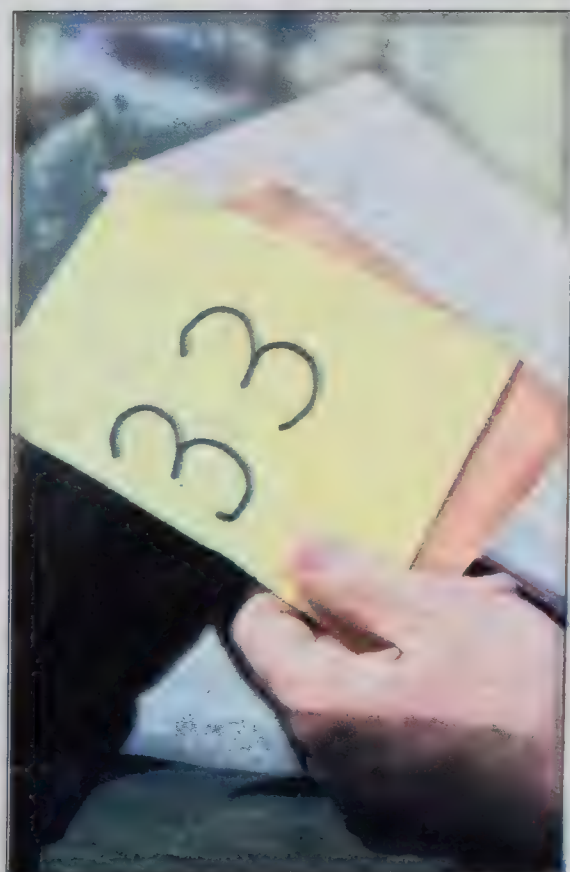
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Time and talent up for auction

On Friday night, the Haliburton United Church held a time and talent auction, which hasn't been done at the church for about five years. The auction raised more than \$4,000 for new flooring in the main fellowship room, where the auction was held. Clockwise from above: Jacqueline Metcalf checks to see if an antique clock is still ticking before it is auctioned off. Norm Mills discusses a donated item with Jennifer Casey that her husband had offered. He was not present to answer questions about the dump truck full of gravel his company donated, so a phone call was needed. Nel VanderGriest was one of about 50 people enjoying her time at the auction. Craig Bowker makes a successful bid.

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HHSS bands going to nationals with hopes of gold standard

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's jazz ensemble and jazz combo are heading to the MusicFest national competition in Ottawa this week. The bands, under the direction of Tom Regina, will perform at the National Arts Centre Thursday.

The school is hoping to earn the gold standard, which was achieved at the nationals in Montreal two years ago. That year, 270 schools attended, and 70 earned the gold standard.

"This is only the third time the school has been invited to the nationals," Regina said, "and the second time in

three years. It is (a big deal) to me. I've been taking bands to regional MusicFests for years, and frequently we're not invited to the nationals."

For some members of the bands, this is their second time going, Regina said, "so they think all the have to do is play and they'll get the recognition. But I've been here 20 years, and it's my second time going. The commitment level with this group is high, especially for a small school. They're committed to each other and this group."

"I'm very excited," said Erica Sullivan, a Grade 9 tenor saxophone player, "because I haven't had an experience like this before. I really enjoy jazz music. I listen to it at home." (Being in the band)

has helped me meet some amazing people.

"I think we're going to do very well," Sullivan said. "They've gotten gold before, and I'm sure we can do it again."

"It was a great experience," said Andrew Flowers, who went in Grade 9. "For everyone around me, it sounded good to me. I thought the music was right on. It sounded perfect."

"I think it's important to represent the school and my family, my love of music. It also gets me out, to explore and meet new people."

Band director Regina said the bands

will be hoping to get the gold standard, and may indeed. One slip or one honker, he said, can be the difference between success and failure, but he has confidence in his group because of their experience in Montreal.

"You don't have to be from a big school to make this happen," Regina said. "I hope that's what they're getting out of this."

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Boys rugby kicks off season at Hal High

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The senior team, at left and bottom right, easily defeated Lakefield 19-5, with tries from James Roberts, Matt Roberts, and Luc Collis.

The junior squad had a tougher time, down 19-0 at the half. They rallied for a try, but it wasn't enough; they lost 26-5. Brock Brown was named junior "Man of the Match."

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HHSS goalie Emily Turner faced frequent opposition for the junior girls in a loss to number-one ranked Fenelon Falls. HHSS lost 6-0.



Josey Bell, above, races to beat a Fenelon Falls player in the senior game. HHSS lost 7-0. They play Wednesday at home.

HHSS senior goalie Cecily Taylor was in tough against Fenelon Falls, allowing seven goals by the number-one ranked team.

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Celebration of Trails invites local groups to participate

Autumn 2006 is the target for the first annual Celebration of Trails which will promote healthy active lifestyles and opportunities for local residents to become involved in physical activity on east central Ontario's Trails.

The celebration will include existing and new trail events that take place in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Hastings, Haliburton, Peterborough, Northumberland and their surrounding areas.

Taking the lead for the Celebration of Trails is the Kawartha Lakes Community Futures Development Corporation (KLCFDC) in partnership with the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA).

Trail, health, tourism and community organizations; municipalities; businesses; and event organizers who are planning events on the trails from September to November are encouraged to register their event with the Celebration of Trails.

Groups participating in the celebration

will have the opportunity to post their event on the Celebration of Trails website which will provide a link to their own website as well as have their events featured on promotional materials.

The 2006 Celebration of Trails is sponsored locally by the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network.

"With all the work that has been done and is being done on Haliburton County's trails it is important that we create opportunities for local residents and visitors to get out and enjoy our trails. The Celebration of Trails will help develop and promote those opportunities," says Andy Campbell of HCDC.

Lindsay Elder, executive director of the Trails and Tours Network says that "The Celebration of Trails supports one of the Network's new strategic priorities, that is, to develop unique experiences on trails."

"The Celebration will also raise the profile of events such as the Hike Haliburton Festival and the IB&O Trail Mixer."

An event strategy and business plan for the Celebration of Trails has been completed thanks to funding from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund that is administered by Industry Canada/FedNor.

Implementation of the Celebration of Trails is being funded by the provincial government's Communities in Action Fund, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, six Community Futures Development Corporations and several community partners.

Anyone interested in more information on the Celebration of Trails, registering their event, or enrolling for an Event Development Workshop, Contact Michlyne Murphy at 705-328-0261 mmurphy@kawarthasmallbusiness.com or visit www.celebrationoftrails.com.

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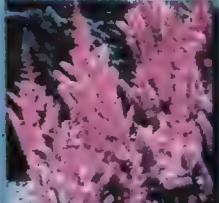
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urton's Celebrations of Cycling set for May 27 in Head lake park in Haliburton Village.

The event is intended to showcase the cycling opportunities available in Haliburton County, while raising awareness about bicycle safety and promoting the health benefits that go with the activity.

Shifting Gears: Haliburton's Celebration of Cycling includes bicycle skill workshops for all ages, cycling demonstrations, bike maintenance checks, guided rides, live entertainment, contests, food, and refreshments.

The event is free, open to all ages and will go rain or shine. Helmets are

required for all activities. More information about the festival is available by calling the local Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or visiting www.trailsandtours.com/category/bike.

"The Celebration of Cycling is not just for cycling enthusiasts, but for anyone who wants to discover or re-discover the joy of riding on two wheels," says Angela Andrews, a festival organizer and Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Fellow organizer Sue Shikaze is enthusiastic about the interest shown by the community to the cycling festival. Several

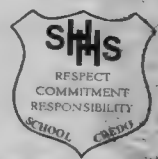
businesses and cycling enthusiasts have signed up to support the event.

"Cycling is a natural in the Haliburton Highlands because we are blessed to have many cycling routes that are ideal for both first-time cyclists and more skilled riders," says Shikaze, who is also a health promoter with HKPR District Health Unit. "Cycling is also a great way for the entire family to get active and enjoy the great outdoors."

The Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition includes representatives of the Health Unit, Health for Life, Haliburton Trails and Tours Network, and the local cycling community.



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Community in Action gets its wish

Haliburton: A Community in Action (CIA) committee received permission from council to go ahead with its signage project. The CIA, a group that promotes and encourages walking and biking in Haliburton, will erect four sign kiosks around the village: in the western region of the Drag River parking area, in the York Street parking area, in the arena parking lot, and in the town dock parking lot where the steps lead up to the street.

The signs will display maps that highlight walking and biking routes in the area to encourage tourists to navigate around the village without a vehicle.

Council gave the CIA a donation of \$450 to install a bike rack in the downtown core.

County delegation

Haliburton County planner Jane Tousaw and CAO Jim Wilson visited Dysart to brief councillors on a source water protection (SWP) issue pertaining to the Black River watershed, which flows into Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe.

The Black River watershed flows through parts of Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands, and Minden Hills. Most of the area is on Crown land and none of it involves municipal drinking water sources.

The central question posed to local municipalities is whether they believe a separate SWP authority should be created for the Black River watershed. The province

presently channels SWP funding through Conservation Ontario but there is no conservation authority with jurisdiction for the Black River watershed. Creating a separate SWP conservation authority would likely require local municipalities to hire staff to assist in the development of an SWP plan, which councillors see as another form of downloading.

"Our common sense answer is that we don't want any part of it," says Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It's the province that owns Crown land, so why should we support it?"

The provincial government's current legislation of source water protection has not yet been passed.

Defibrillation

Fire chief Miles Maughan is asking that his staff be trained for defibrillation responses as they are currently the only fire department not doing it. Maughan says that since defibrillators will eventually be put in all public venues such as arenas and malls, firefighters feel they should be prepared to use them in case of an emergency. The estimated cost of training and equipment would be about \$7,500.

Burnt River bridge

Council is mulling over various options to replace the Burnt River bridge. G.D. Jewell Engineering completed its hydrogeology and geotechnical investigations and provided council with three main choices for bridge repair, all of which have an estimated cost of over half a million dollars.

The cost is more than council originally expected because the expense of piling was not anticipated when the COMRIF application was made. It adds another \$116,000 to \$150,000 to the project.

The first option is to have a traditional concrete deck on a steel girder bridge with concrete wingwalls (\$549,000). The second option is to have a precast arch bridge with concrete wingwalls (\$538,000). The third option is to have a concrete deck on a steel girder bridge, where sheet piling for the abutments eliminate the need for putting concrete below the water level (\$519,000). Council will consult with engineers further at a future meeting.

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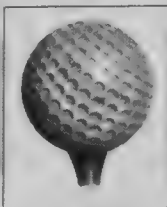
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When you first arrive at the driving range, it is advisable to warm up (exercises, stretches) in order to strengthen and condition the body. Then it's time to hit some balls.

To begin, use your short irons i.e. eight, nine and pitching wedge, and practise hitting up to 100 yards.

Then try your mid irons, i.e. five, six and seven, and practise hitting, say, up to 175 yards.

Finally, it's time to test your long irons, i.e. three and four and all of your woods, using them with or without the tee except for the driver or number #1 wood which should be hit using a tee.

The driver should be the last club that you hit for the day, resulting in a very effective practice routine.

In all instances, when hitting balls have a target in mind and you'll be surprised at how much more accurate your shots will be. Practising at the driving range should become habit during the golfing season to work on the many fundamentals in order to improve your game.

Remember, try to relax and have fun while your practising. Don't forget the sunscreen and bug spray.

Golf etiquette for new and experienced golfers

- When a player is addressing or hitting the ball, don't move, talk or stand in the line of sight.
- Always allow the golfer with the honour (low score on previous hole) to hit off the tee first, unless someone else is ready. Thus the game moves right along without delay.
- The person farthest from the hole/or green shoots



The Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times welcome Paul Cameron as its new golf columnist. You can also listen to his radio program on Canoe FM Sundays at noon.

first unless of course you are playing "ready play" in which case whoever is ready hits first.

- Make sure all players in front of you are out of range.
- Don't forget to signal players behind you to play through when delayed or when you get a hole behind players in front.
- Repair and/or replace divots taken on fairways, tees etc., repair ball marks on greens and rake and clean sand traps after hitting out of them. Failure to take care of the golf course results in extra work for the maintenance staff and we should try to help them out whenever possible to keep the course in top flight condition.
- Finally, be sure to observe all golf rules usually stated on the score cards or on signs posted throughout the course.

Golf tournaments

Tall Oaks Christian Academy is having a best ball golf tournament Sunday June 4 at Lakeside Golf Club, West Guilford. The cost is \$55 per person (or collect pledges of \$100 or more and golf and eat for free). The day includes nine holes of golf and dinner with a fun auction afterwards.

Tee time is 2 p.m. and dinner will be at 5 p.m.. Please call Lakeside Golf Club at 754-2110 or Tall Oaks at 754-9364 for tickets and pledge forms.

Paul Cameron (PC Golf) is a golf teacher certified by the Canadian and United States Golf Teachers Federation and hosts the golf show "On The Tee" aired on Sundays at 12 noon on 100.9 Canoe FM. You can contact him at 705-754-1206, e-mail pcgolf@sympatico.ca for individual or group lessons.



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Arts Forum

Thursday, May 25th, 2:30-5:00 pm

Find out about the creative endeavours of Haliburton County artists. Artists from a variety of disciplines will present and talk about their work. Everyone welcome to attend. If you are interested in presenting give us a call.

Both events at Fleming College's Haliburton Campus

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Saying goodbye to an old friend

LEA HARPER

Special to the Echo

We have had to part with our 13 year old Alaskan Malamute. Wolf had been sick for almost two months — unable to keep food and water down — and was visibly losing weight. He hadn't responded to medication which eventually led the vet to suspect stomach cancer. Exploratory surgery is not advisable for a dog of his advanced age.

A few days ago, Wolf disappeared. We found him lying in the woods on a bed of dry leaves next to the creek at the bottom of our driveway. During spring thaw, the rivers are swollen and turbulent. I think the sound of the fresh, rushing water was a comfort to him. We tried coaxing him but he refused to come home. He had chosen his place to die.

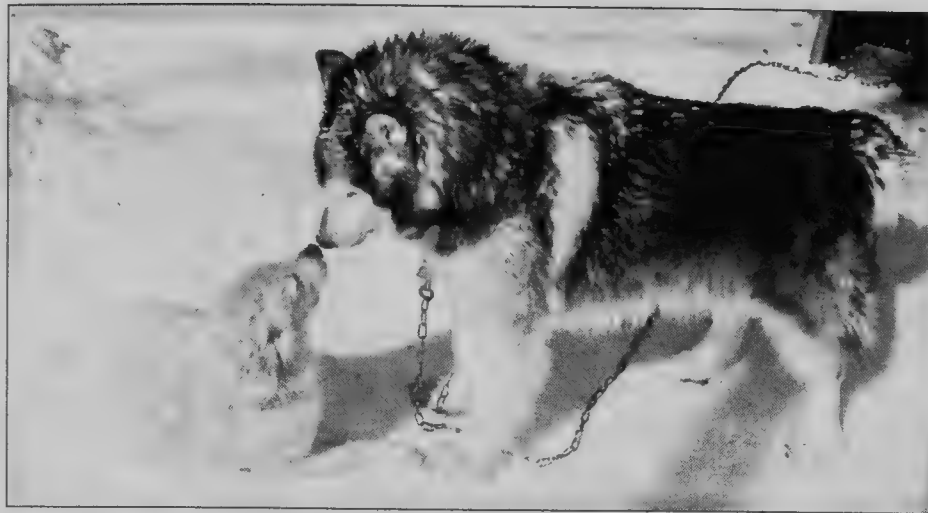
Wolf lived outside all his life. It's hard to imagine him not being here. He seemed a part of nature itself. Willful, not quite tame yet highly protective of his clan, he fiercely guarded his territory from all two- and four-legged intrud-



Lea Harper and Wolf the Alaskan Malamute...best friends

ers. For this reason — and because he would gleefully run for miles on end, impervious to any human command — we kept him tethered to his house. Somehow he was still able to chase bears up trees and tango with porcupines.

A few years ago, my husband Larry bought a dog sled and harness, fully expecting that Wolf and our daughter



Tammy would simply fly out on the frozen lake together. But you know what they say about old dogs and new tricks. To Wolf, the harness was a straightjacket and the sled, a kind of useless appendage. He did concede to pull Tammy along — for about a hundred yards at a time — and then would stubbornly refuse to budge.

There are few permanent residents on the south shore of Kennesis and we felt this winter we could safely let Wolf off his chain. He really enjoyed the freedom. And he stayed fairly close to home, content to follow us around or romp at the top of the hill with the two female retrievers. It worked out well for everyone except the Hydro man whom Wolf would not let near the meter.

On an exceptionally cold night two winters ago, we brought Wolf into the house for the first time. Even his whiskers were covered in frost. As the snow melted from his massive white paws, he looked around quizzically, taking in the strange indoors — the desk and chairs, the piano — probably wondering what exactly we did with it all, and then as if he'd always been there, he hopped on the couch and went to sleep.

We always looked forward to his peculiar form of greeting. He would lay his head and one shoulder on the ground in playful subjugation — an invitation to be petted and hugged or he'd do a straight-legged hop and then twirl in tight circles. If we didn't come home when he expected us, Wolf would begin to howl — a mournful, heart-breaking sound that apparently carried across the lake for miles.

A Malamute rarely barks — hence the 'mute' in their name. As for the 'mal' part, rumour has it the Inuit created the breed, crossing wolves with huskies hoping for a larger, more powerful lead sled dog. It was determined after some time that the experiment had failed. These dogs were inordinately head-strong and a little loco.

The Inuit set the lot of them out on iceflows and left them there. Apparently a few survived and now the Malamute is a recognized breed.

When we lived in the farmlands of Omamee, Wolf decimated the local homing pigeon population. He waited patiently for the ponds to freeze over and then made short work of the colourful mergansers. He chased dogs, cows, people. He was forever slipping his collar and quickly becoming a menace in the neighbourhood. I feared he would meet his end by posse or poison.

Granted, it didn't help Wolf's temperament much that the boy next door took to throwing stones at him every chance he got. Soon delivery people refused to come to the door. My ailing mother's disdain for the dog — primarily based on the fact that he was not a collie — became a nagging concern. And there were a few bloodstained moments when my older daughter's

cocky boyfriends foolishly entered Wolf's domain. A well-meaning neighbour told us about a place in Norwood called 'The Home for Wayward Malamutes' — a sort of half-way house for maladjusted Malamutes. The premise was, the dogs would be rehabilitated and with any luck adopted out to a good family. When we visited, there were must have been about 20 dogs fenced into short runs. There didn't seem to be much call for surly second-hand huskies.

If you wanted to play with Wolf you had to wear heavy work gloves and expect to be rolled around like a marble. He was 85 lbs of unrestrained energy. Soon after Tammy was born, Larry told the dog in no uncertain terms that if he ever hurt that little girl, he would be instantly banished to the Home for Wayward Malamutes. Every day I'd carry the baby over to Wolf and he would sniff her from head to toe with great interest. When she was finally able to walk, Tammy crawled over to him and hauled herself up by hanging on to his fur. Wolf responded by licking her face. He was always so gentle with her.

At the lake in the summer, I would invite the neighbouring children to join us on Wolf's daily walks to the marina. Away from the house and "off-duty", he would permit the kids to touch him. They loved his black and silver fur with its downy white undercoat — so like a wolf's. They thrilled that they could walk next to this wild dog. After all our bear scares, parents were only too happy to let their kids ramble in the company of our Wolf.

Four days ago, I took Wolf for his mile walk. It would be our last trek together. Halfway home, he stumbled slightly and then stopped, his back legs trembling. Each step after that became slow and laboured.

It's difficult to evaluate if a dog is suffering. They tend to accept what is happening to them. Wolf never once whimpered throughout his long ordeal. But now he looked so very sad. The next day he refused the tiny bits of steak we brought to him and finally the water. The night turned windy and cold and Larry and I barely slept knowing Wolf was down by the creek exposed to the possible attack of some wild animal he would not be able to fend off in his weakened state.

I felt a confused mixture of dread and relief when we walked out in the morning and Wolf lifted his weary head to greet us. Larry carefully carried him to the car. Wolf loved car rides and he seemed to relax into the comfy blankets and pillows I had laid out for him. He took up the whole back seat but I was able to squeeze myself in the space between his front paws. His eyes began to take on that faraway look. It was almost an hour before we reached the Minden Animal hospital. Dogs don't ask for much. I just kept stroking his head, telling him what a good boy he was and how much we loved him.

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Machenzie Neumann, above, gives her sister Michelle a massage during the last 10 hours of the 30 Hour Famine at HHSS Friday. "I think I'm past the hungry stage," Machenzie said. "I'm not that hungry." "Massages help, though," Michelle added. Nicole Phillips (in sunglasses), right, and her friend Jamie Purnell lounge while listening to music to pass the time. Nicole is wearing a matching shirt.

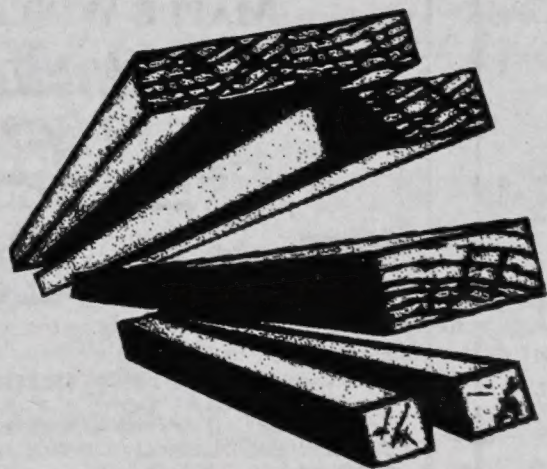


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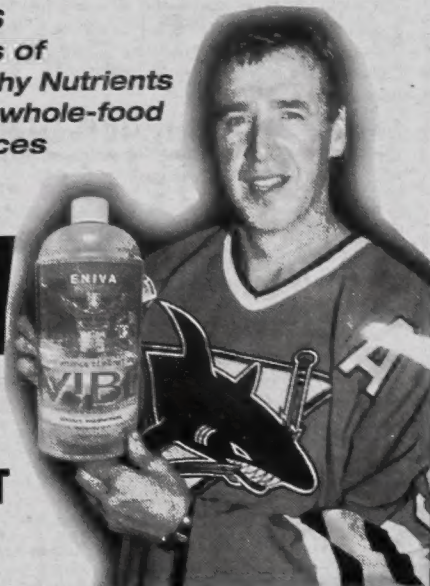
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Native trees will be available to county landowners in 2007, based on an application which must be submitted to the Haliburton Stewardship Council before December 31, 2006. The intent of the program is to provide landowners, meeting the eligibility criteria, with trees native to Haliburton's seed zone in order to support their efforts of sustainable woodlot management.

Smaller properties and significant lands such as schools, waterfront and wildlife habitat will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Next year the Stewardship Council will also be able to offer a shrub and shoreline naturalization component to the program for landowners with diverse planting needs.

To obtain an application or for more information on the tree planting program contact the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council through Nicole Tuyten, Stewardship Coordinator at 705-286-5206 or nicole.tuyten@mnr.gov.on.ca or visit www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton.



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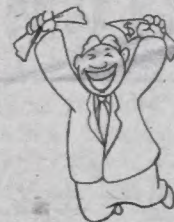
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Public Inspection Approved 2006/2007 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has approved the 2006/2007 annual work schedule prepared by the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. for the Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit (Crown lands within Hastings, Peterborough and Haliburton counties and the District of Nipissing).

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. These activities are consistent with the 2006-2026 Bancroft Minden Forest Management Plan. Further information about tree planting jobs can be obtained from the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office at the address below.

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, is now available for public inspection and will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the ministry's Bancroft District and at the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc. office (see addresses below).

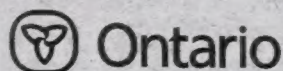
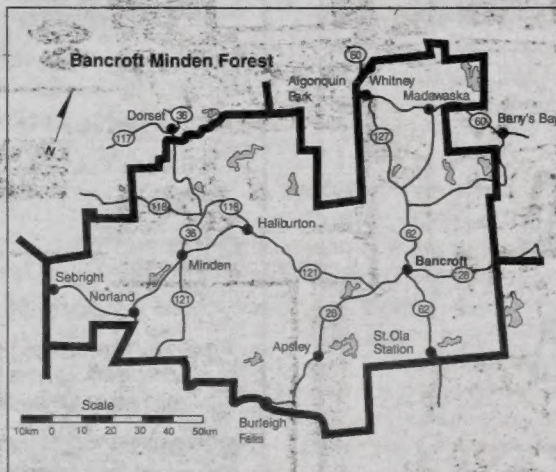
Fuelwood is available on this forest management unit. Information on the location of fuelwood areas is at the ministry's Bancroft and Minden offices (see addresses below).

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc., or the ministry at the addresses below:

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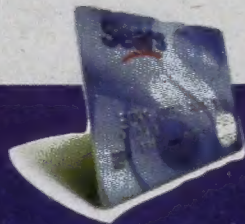


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